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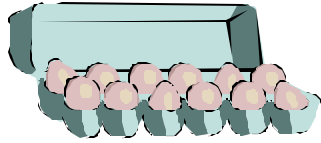
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



On the East Coast and in the Midwest, most prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good and was best where features were available. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to fully adequate for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type hens were adequate for current processing needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to .5 cents lower for mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was moderate to good, best for holiday fill-ins. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient from regular sources for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type hens were adequate for slaughter requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good for holiday restocking. Supplies were generally adequate for trading needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were unchanged for the larger sizes and were 3 cents lower for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was good for holiday fill-in and first of the month business. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Trading was light. Most breakers were taking a wait and see approach to the market and were working from regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate. The trade sentiment continued cautiously steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment steady. Retail and food service demand light to good, mostly moderate and best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate to closely balanced.

**SOUTHERN** Prices in Atlanta were unchanged on all sizes except mediums which were lower when compared to previous week. However, in Florida, prices were unchanged from prior week. The market tone was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern Region for the week ending November 24, 2000 was 81.19 cents, unchanged from the week before, and 12.85 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were irregular but usually adequate and demand for additional eggs was light and unaggressive. Light type fowl were sufficient for slaughter schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on all sizes throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last Monday with California down 4% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 1%. Retailer demand good as stores restocked after the holiday. Offerings in good balance.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	107-109	105-107	70-72
New York	83-85	80-83	70-73
Philadelphia	81-83	79-81	69-70.5
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	62-63
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	71-72
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	82-97	81-95	67-80
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	58-63
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	54-57
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	55-61
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	58-65
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	90-93	87-90	73-75
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	104	94
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on all sizes. The California inventory was 4% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand good as stores restocked after the holiday. Offerings in close balance. Small invoice price 74. No new ads noted in Northern California.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	94

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	187-209
MEDIUM	187-189	MEDIUM	145-185

\*Correction on Southern California Prices to Retailers on Friday, November 24. Mediums Should Have Read: \*84-90\*

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 01, 2000 will decrease by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 24, 2000 were 328,265 cases which was 3 percent below the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	293,999	34,266	328,265

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
% change from the prior week.....	-3	-3	-3

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to slightly higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Trading was light. Most breakers were taking a wait and see approach to the market and were working from regular commitments and company owned production. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. The trade sentiment continued cautiously steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-37	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-22	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate to good for spent hens following the holiday. Finished sales had slowed following the weekend. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR  
SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-NOV-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-9	5-7.25	6.94

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Floor stocks of finished product ranged from about adequate to adequate for current requirements. The market tone was steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 27-NOV-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-8.5	4-6.5	5.52

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Nov 27,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	20.8	7.3	14.3	8.3 59.1
	Change	-0.7	3.9	1.3	-0.7	-1.2 5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.6	38.3	10.7	22.1	19.2 108.9
	Change	-6.2	4.8	0.9	-6.6	0.5 -6%
Large	Curr Wk	33.0	79.0	54.1	55.6	79.8 301.5
	Change	-7.4	1.6	-9.8	-6.3	-0.1 -7%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.8	36.7	13.6	17.5	23.5 105.1
	Change	2.9	3.6	0.2	-2.8	-3.8 0%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	5.9	2.5	5.7	5.8 23.5
	Change	0.8	-0.2	1.6	-1.6	-4.2 -13%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	23.8	11.7	14.1	6.1 61.0
	Change	-1.1	2.0	5.0	-2.1	-0.3 6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	40.5	53.6	14.2	22.8	54.3 185.4
	Change	7.6	15.4	-3.6	0.1	3.7 14%
Total	Curr Wk	123.2	258.1	114.1	152.1	197.0 844.5
Percent	Change	-3%	14%	-4%	-12%	-3% 0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	844.5	0%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	406.4	0%	39

Total Shell Egg	1250.9	0%	210
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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## CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2000

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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172	168.9	159.9	109.9
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MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 13, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
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136	136	126	77
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**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 24, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
13.75								19.75				33.50			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	50.50	55.00	—	—	—	—	14.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	33.50	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	44.50	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	67.50	70.60	2.50
GL W XL	—	—	62.00	64.00	60.67	—	6.25	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	66.50	69.00	1.00
GL W LG	—	—	61.50	69.50	—	—	4.75	GL W MD	45.00	—	—	—	47.50	52.40	1.25
GL W MD	—	—	50.00	52.00	—	—	2.00								
GL W SM	—	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/20/00-11/24/00

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
71.25								55.50				126.75			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	53.17	57.29	55.00	56.50	52.00	59.00	41.00	GNR W 1	—	58.70	—	—	—	—	22.00
GNR W 2	—	60.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	44.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	36.00	—	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	68.00	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	67.50	70.14	3.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.25	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	68.00	72.22	5.50
GL W XL	—	—	62.25	64.52	58.65	58.00	17.50	GL W MD	45.00	—	—	50.50	53.75	50.33	9.50
GL W LG	—	69.00	60.67	65.75	59.50	56.00	16.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	40.00	42.00	.25
GL W MD	—	53.00	40.00	52.00	44.59	—	12.50	NRBS - 48	—	37.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W SM	—	30.50	27.25	29.00	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 39	19.00	—	—	36.50	—	—	8.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	36.00	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	24.00	—	23.25	24.00	8.00								

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/12/00 - 11/18/00**

Origin State	CO	IA	MN	MO	NV	NH	OH	OR	SD	TX	UT	WA	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	0	1,570	0	0	0	0	0	1,243	0	0	0	0	256	3,069
C. CA	0	850	810	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,437	0	0	4,097
S. CA	2,540	15,987	6,238	3,100	529	800	900	0	900	960	1,522	900	16	34,392
TOTAL STATE	2,540	18,407	7,048	3,100	529	800	900	1,243	900	960	3,959	900	272	41,558

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	88-91	86-89	51-54	17-20

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78-81	69-75	67-72	52-57	29-33

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-54	38-40	11-13

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
91.27	89.57	78.21	50.51

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/20/00	11/13/00	11/23/99
PACIFIC COAST	199	272	80
LOS ANGELES	154	211	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

**NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME**

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